



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL FINANCE

REP. JOHN FITZGERALD

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

11:45 AM

Room 519, House Office Building

The House Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance was called to order by Chair Fitzgerald.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Fitzgerald, Byrnes, Shannon, Breen, Rogers, Hill, Hoskins, Paiz, Zorn, Paquette, Bezotte, BeGole, Prestin.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Hill moved to adopt the meeting minutes from September 27, 2023. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4675 before the committee:

HB 4675 (Rep. Grant)

A bill to amend 2003 PA 258, entitled "Land bank fast track act," by amending sections 4, 13, and 14 (MCL 124.754, 124.763, and 124.764).

Representative Breen moved to refer HB 4675 to the Committee on Tax Policy. The motion prevailed 11-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Fitzgerald, Byrnes, Shannon, Breen, Rogers, Hill, Paiz, Zorn, Bezotte, BeGole, Prestin.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4679 before the committee:

HB 4679 (Rep. Grant)

A bill to amend 1933 PA 94, entitled "The revenue

bond act of 1933," by amending section 18 (MCL 141.118), as amended by 1987 PA 229.

Representative Shannon moved to refer HB 4679 to the Committee on Tax Policy. The motion prevailed 11-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Fitzgerald, Byrnes, Shannon, Breen, Rogers, Hill, Paiz, Zorn, Bezotte, BeGole, Prestin.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 5048 before the committee:

HB 5048 (Rep. Fitzgerald)

A bill to amend 1974 PA 263, entitled "An act to permit counties to impose and collect an excise tax on persons engaged in the business of providing rooms for dwelling, lodging, or sleeping purposes to transient guests; to provide for the disposition of the revenues thereof; and to prescribe penalties," by amending the title and sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 (MCL 141.861, 141.862, 141.863, 141.864, 141.866, and 141.867), section 2 as amended by 2004 PA 118, section 4 as amended by 2014 PA 284, and section 7 as amended by 1989 PA 13, and by adding section 2a.

Representative Hoskins moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5048. The motion prevailed 9-2-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Fitzgerald, Byrnes, Shannon, Breen, Rogers, Hill, Hoskins, Paiz, Zorn.

Nays: Reps. BeGole, Prestin.

Pass: Rep. Bezotte.

At 11:49 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 11:49 AM, Majority Vice Chair Byrnes called the committee back to order.

Representative Fitzgerald testified in support of HB 5048. Questions and discussion followed.

At 11:57 AM, Majority Vice Chair Byrnes laid the committee at ease.

At 11:57 AM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

John LaMacchia, representing the Urban Core Mayors and the Michigan Municipal League, testified in support of HB 5048. Questions and discussion followed.

Karyn Ferrick and Commissioner Jon O'Connor, representing the City of Grand Rapids,

testified in support of HB 5048.

Rick Winn, representing the Grand Rapids CAA/DDA; and Josh Lunger, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber; testified in support of HB 5048. Questions and discussion followed.

John McNamara, representing the Michigan Restaurant and Lodging Association, testified in opposition to HB 5048.

The following person submitted a card with a neutral position on HB 5048, but did not wish to speak:

Rob Mass, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5048, but did not wish to speak:

Rusty Merchant, representing Grand Action 2.0.

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Townships Association.

Dick Stauffer, representing Lincoln Charter Township.

Darwin Watson, City Manager, representing the City of New Buffalo.

John Shay, City Manager, representing the City of Wyoming.

Connor Spalding, representing the City of Lansing.

John Fournier, representing the City of Ann Arbor.

Mike Spence, representing the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 5048, but did not wish to speak:

Michael Zehnder, representing the Bavarian Inn.

Jamie Furbush, representing the Frankenmuth CVB.

Matt Sowash, representing the Michigan Association of Convention and Visitor Bureau.

Nate Love, representing the Mackinac Island CVB.

Sarah Miller, representing Destination Ann Arbor.

Tim Langholz, representing the National Federation of Independent Business.

Representative Byrnes moved to report out HB 5048 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 7-3-3:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Fitzgerald, Byrnes, Shannon, Breen, Hill, Hoskins, Paiz.

Nays: Reps. Paquette, BeGole, Prestin.

Pass: Reps. Rogers, Zorn, Bezotte.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Fitzgerald adjourned the meeting at 12:23 PM.

Representative John Fitzgerald, Chair

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